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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2007.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 106-109 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 106 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 107-109 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The decision by Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) filed 1-9-07 ordered that any action taken by the examining corps subsequent to June 24, 2004 is a nullity (page 3). The decision by BPAI filed 6-24-03 ordered that CELL GENESYS. INC. is not entitled to a patent containing claims 105, 110, 111 and 112. Claims 3, 4, 8, 21, 24, 27, 31, 40-51, 55 and 58 of ARS's patent 5,272,071, and claims 106 of CELL GENESYS's application 08/102,390 have NO interference-in-fact (see page 2).

Claims 106-109 are pending and under consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.
2. Claims 107-109 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chappel, Scott C., 1993 (US Patent No. 5,272,071 A).

Claims 107-109 are directed to a method of causing a mammalian cell to express a gene normally not expressed by said cell or to increase the level of gene expression normally expressed by said cell, comprising inserting a DNA construct through homologous recombination into the genome of said cell in proximity to said gene, said construct comprising at least one of an amplifiable gene, other regulatory sequence, or both, and DNA homologous

with DNA of a region in proximity to said gene, whereby said gene is expressed in said cell, or whereby said gene is expressed in said cell in which said DNA construct is incorporated.

Chappel teaches a method of activating a predominantly normally transcriptionally silent gene within the genome of a cell line to express the gene product, comprising inserting a DNA construct into said genome by homologous recombination, said DNA construct comprising an expressible amplifiable gene, a DNA regulatory segment and a DNA targeting segment homologous to a region of said genome within or proximal to said gene, wherein said construct is inserted such that said regulatory segment is operably linked to said gene of interest (e.g. claims 1 and 8).

Chappel does not specifically teach increasing the level of gene expression of a gene normally expressed by the cell.

It would have been *prima facie* obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to increase gene expression level of a gene normally expressed in a cell because activating predominantly normally transcriptionally silent gene would increase gene expression level of a gene and the gene that is predominantly silent could have a basal transcription activity. Homologous recombination of the DNA construct into a cell's genome as taught by Chappel would increase gene expression of the gene of interest in said cell regardless of whether said gene is silent or normally expressed in said cell.

One having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to do so in order to activate gene expression via homologous recombination in a cell as taught by Chappel with reasonable expectation of success.

Conclusion

Claims 107-109 are rejected. Claim 106 is in condition for allowance.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shin-Lin Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-0726. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 6 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Paras can be reached on (571) 272-4517. The fax phone number for this group is (571) 273-8300.

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